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Purple Innocence

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I'LL BE WATCHING...

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MANGAKA!!

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In many ways, one might say that I started working on 'Bambi' at the age of 10. Essentially, this story uses parts of a fairy tale called 'The Swan Prince'. There were 6 princes that had been turned into swans by a witch. However, through the cleverness of their younger sister, Princess Elizabeth, they were able to return to their human form. However, due to the lack of nettle clothing which the Princess had used to trick the witch, one of the 6th Prince's arms still remained as a wing. And so the story ended with a happy ending. Huh? Wait a sec, what kind of happy ending was that...? So what happened to the 6th Prince then?! I just couldn't help being overly curious about what had become of the 6th Prince.

While working on 'Bambi' I finally found out what had happened to the 6th Prince. In the Indian version of the story, their mythology says that the other Princes attained enlightenment and were taken to Nirvana. On the other hand, the 6th Prince came to realize many of the wonders of life due to his experience (with his arm/wing being a constant reminder). Thanks to this, he becomes a great king who was loved by all of his people. Finally, I've solved this mystery which has been hanging on my mind for nearly 20 years... *collapse* I'm telling you, story tellers should be thorough with their stories so that they don't torment stubbornly curious people like me~!

Anyways, I've always wanted to give the 6th Prince a different ending, a happy one. But please, don't mistake my story as the "Tale of the 6th Prince." With my imagination running wild, this story of Bambi and Arkid turned out rather original indeed.

I hope you enjoy this story. ^_^

WAIT~
GRAB
NO PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE~
SPLASH

PART 1
THE MAIDEN WHO LOST HER MEMORY

...ARE YOU OK?
COUGH
OH, YES, THANK YOU.
MY NAME IS..

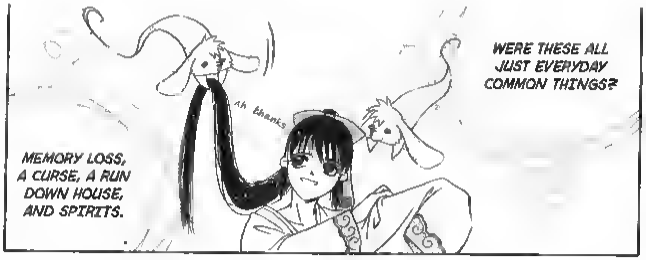
WHO . WHO AM I?
HUH? GEEZE-!
SHE MIGHT HAVE HIT HER HEAD SOMEWHERE AND LOST HER MEMORY!
FOITER FOITER
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HER NOW..?!
WINGS?

YOU HAVE A WING FOR ONE OF YOUR ARMS... ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE A FAIRY?
FOITER
OH THIS? NO, I'M JUST A REGULAR PERSON WHO'S BEEN CURSED.
A CURSE?!
YOU MIGHT CATCH A COLD JUST SITTING OUT HERE. WHY DON'T WE GET YOU CHANGED INTO SOME FRESH CLOTHES
HOW UNFORTUNATE..
SNEEZE!

MY TEACHER'S PLACE IS JUST UP AHEAD. I'M SURE HE HAS SOMETHING YOU CAN GET CHANGED INTO.
...UM... DOES SOMEONE REALLY LIVE THERE?
...I GUESS HE'S NOT HOME.
He doesn't take care of his place, does he ?(
HUH?/
KYUING/

I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUTYOU GUYS. DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHERE MASTER IS?
What the heck are those?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
They're so cute~♥
THEY'RE SPIRITS. FOLLOW THEM, THEY'LL GET YOU YOUR CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

IT SEEMS MORE LIKE THIS HOUSE WAS BROKEN RATHER THAN ABANDONED.
WAN!
WELL, IT'S NOT ANY OF MY BUSINESS...

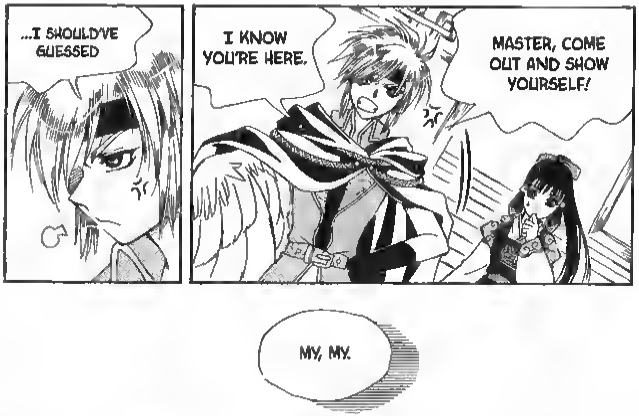

MEMORY LOSS, A CURSE, A RUN DOWN HOUSE, AND SPIRITS.
Ah thanks
WERE THESE ALL JUST EVERYDAY COMMON THINGS?

CONSIDERING THE CLOTHING I WAS WEARING, I MUST BE THE DAUGHTER OF A FAIRLY IMPORTANT FAMILY... I WONDER WHAT I'M DOING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE..
AND WHO WAS THAT GUY THAT SAVED ME?
PING

SOMEONE'S THERE?!
TAP
GRAB
WHO'S THERE?!
SMASH

NO ONE'S THERE? HOW CAN THAT BE?
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT I SENSED SOMEONE...
I GUESS I BROKE THAT SLIDING DOOR FOR NOTHING.
IN ANY CASE, SEEING THAT I DESTROYED IT IN ONE STROKE, I MUST BE STRONGER THAN I LOOK.

STAND BACK FOR MOMENT.
WHOOSH
TONG NANG


...I SHOULD'VE GUESSED
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE.
MASTER, COME OUT AND SHOW YOURSELF!
MY, MY.

BOOM
TO THINK THAT YOU COULD SEE THROUGH THAT SO EASILY... YOU'VE IMPROVED QUITE A BIT ARKID.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING MASTER?! FIRST YOU LET YOUR HOUSE GET RUN DOWN, AND NOW YOU'RE ACTING LIKE SOME PERVERT, USING YOUR SKILLS TO BE A PEEPING TOM!!
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A PEEPING TOM?! EVEN IF I DID SEE THAT GIRL'S BREASTS, WHICH WERE LARGER THAN I HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.
SWISH!
SWISH!
WAIT, HOLD ON A SEC! I WAS ONLY IN HIDING BECAUSE A WITCH IS LOOKING FOR ME!
A WITCH?
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THE WITCH WILL GET YOU!
WAS... WAS I BEING CHASED BY SOMEONE?
A WITCH.? IT'S HARD FOR ME TO IMAGE ANYONE COULD SCARE YOU SO MUCH AS TO GO INTO HIDING.
HER NAME'S BUYONG.
SHE'S A COMPLETE HYSTERICAL PSYCHO WHO SLAUGHTERS HER VICTIMS USING LIGHTNING.

HOLY CRAP! SHE FOUND ME! I'M SCREWED!!
What a surprise !
MASTER
Depiction of the famous artist, Edvard Munch's, Scream
TREMBLE
SHRIEK!
IT'S GOING TO STRIKE AGAIN!
STRENGTH FROM HIGH AND ABOVE
CRASH

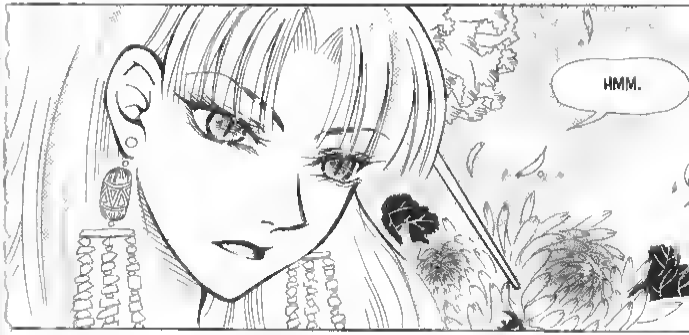
STOP THE ANGER OF THE CLOUDS!!
PPIZZT
STEP
WHAT INCREDIBLE POWER..! I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THE NEXT ONE..!
THROB
WOOOSH
STEP

SMOKE BOOM
WHY YOU..!
MASTER! SHOULDN'T YOU TRY TO FIGHT HER FIRST BEFORE RUNNING?
FIGHT? NO!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ATTACK BUYONG.
두근
THUMP
DASH
DASH
DASH
...THAT'S RIGHT.
THUMP
I WAS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION BEFORE...
THUMP
두근

HERE, GRAB MY HAND!
THUMP
두근
RUN!
RUN AS FAR AWAY FROM THE WITCH AS POSSIBLE!
COULD THIS BE THAT SAME WITCH!
HALT
WHAT'S WRONG?
PLEASE I WANT YOU TWO TO GO ON AHEAD.

I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK THAT WITCH.
WHAT?!
DON'T BE STUPID! THAT'S LIKE COMMITTING SUICIDE!
THIS ISN'T ANY OF YOUR CONCERN!
WHAT, YOU EXPECT ME TO JUST LEAVE YOU?!
I GET THE FEELING THIS WITCH MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MY PAST!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS, SO JUST GO WITHOUT ME!
RUSTLE

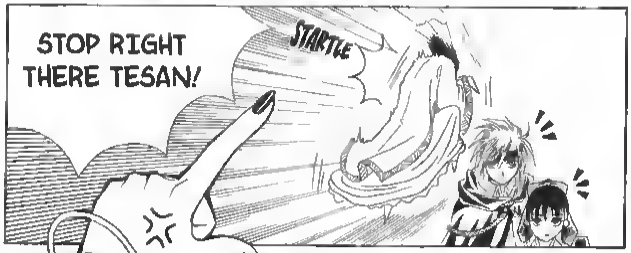
SYUUU
SHE CAUGHT UP WITH US!


HMM.

THAT WOMAN...

...IS THE WITCH?

!
CREEP

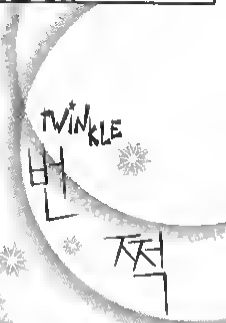

STOP RIGHT THERE TESAN!
STARTLE

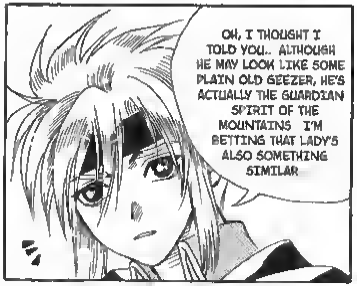
DO YOU REALIZE HOW LATE YOU ARE WITH YOUR STUPID REPORT?! IT'S NEARLY 300 YEARS OVERDUE!!
YOU'D BETTER GET OFF YOUR ASS AND FINISH IT NOW!!
SILENCE

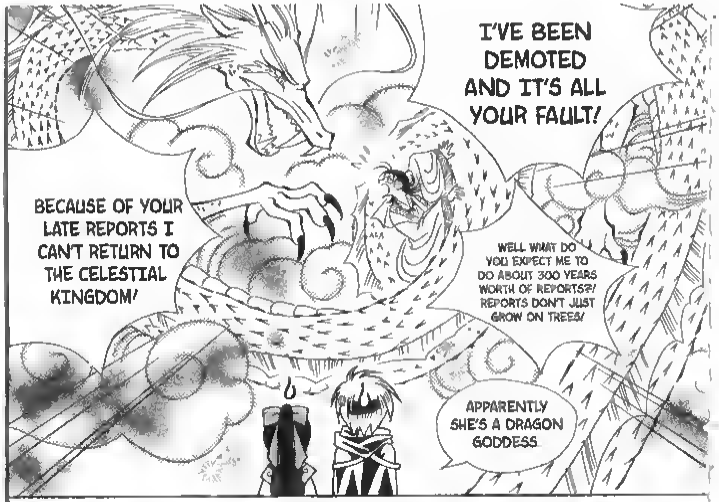
M A S T E R ! I THOUGHT YOU SAID A WITCH WAS AFTER YOU?!
I can't believe this!
UH, WHAT I MEANT WAS...

THAT SHE'S SCARIER THAN A WITCH--!!
TOSS
PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH HIM MA'AM
RATTLE
WHO'S A WITCH?!

SHE WAS JOKING ABOUT THAT THOUGH RIGHT? THAT SHE'S BEEN WAITING 300 YEARS ..


TWINKLE

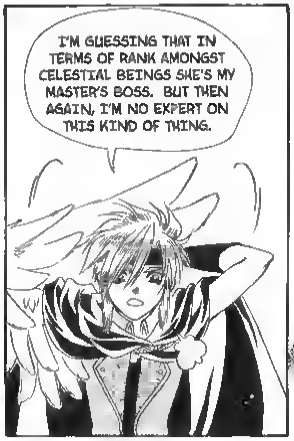

OH, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU.. ALTHOUGH HE MAY LOOK LIKE SOME PLAIN OLD GEEZER, HE'S ACTUALLY THE GUARDIAN SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAINS I'M BETTING THAT LADY'S ALSO SOMETHING SIMILAR


I'VE BEEN DEMOTED AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
BECAUSE OF YOUR LATE REPORTS I CAN'T RETURN TO THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM!
WELL WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ABOUT 300 YEARS WORTH OF REPORTS?! REPORTS DON'T JUST GROW ON TREES!
APPARENTLY SHE'S A DRAGON GODDESS

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE HAD SHE REALLY BEEN AN EVIL WITCH?!

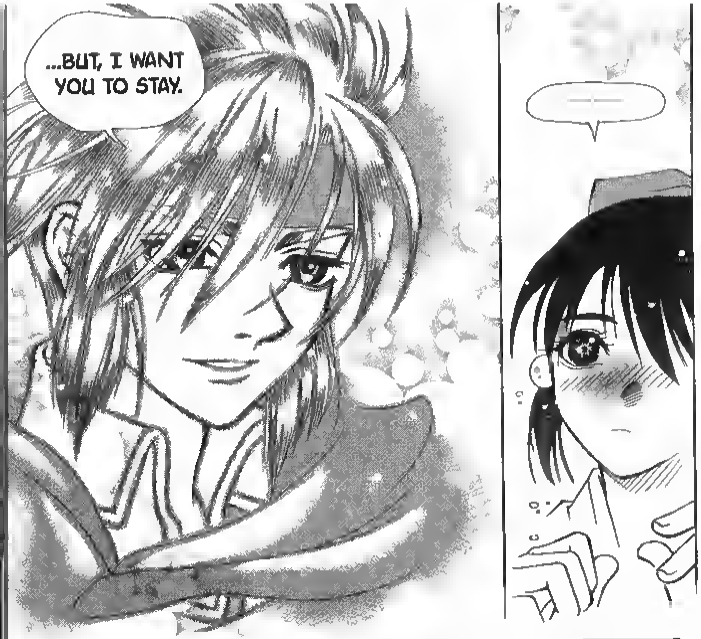
BUT IT WAS THE ONLY CLUE I HAD TO FINDING OUT ABOUT MY PAST..

...DON'T BE HASTY. DOING RASH THINGS WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE

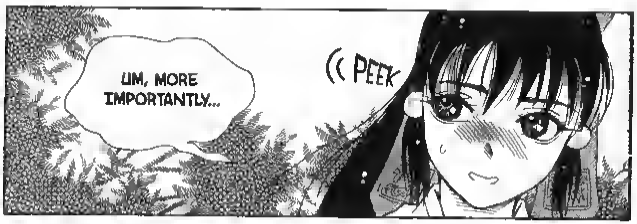

I'M GUESSING THAT IN TERMS OF RANK AMONGST CELESTIAL BEINGS SHE'S MY MASTER'S BOSS. BUT THEN AGAIN, I'M NO EXPERT ON THIS KIND OF THING.

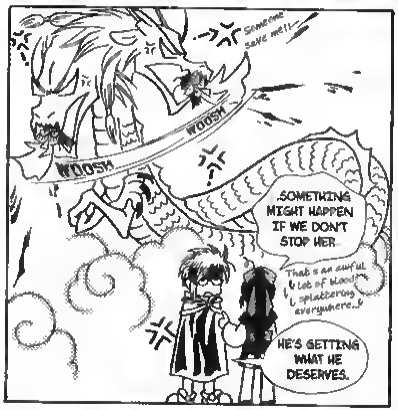
...I, I SEE. I GUESS SHE WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY MEMORY LOSS THEN.
TAP☆

HOW ABOUT JUST STAYING HERE UNTIL YOUR MEMORIES RETURN?
AFTER ALL, IT'D BE RATHER POINTLESS TO WANDER OFF AIMLESSLY...
HUH?! I COULDN'T DO THAT! I ALREADY OWE YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING ME FROM DROWNING. THERE'S NO WAY COULD I IMPOSE FURTHER...


...BUT, I WANT YOU TO STAY.

HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NO, IT'S NOTHING. IT'S JUST A LITTLE WARM THAT'S ALL.

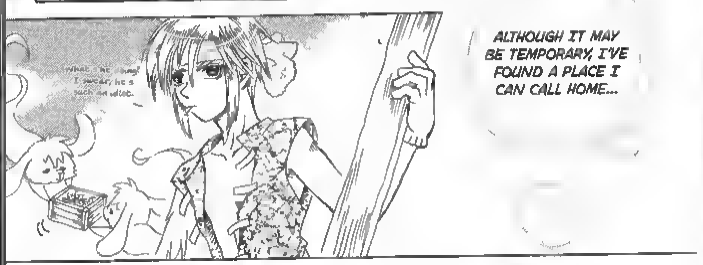

UM, MORE IMPORTANTLY...
PEEK

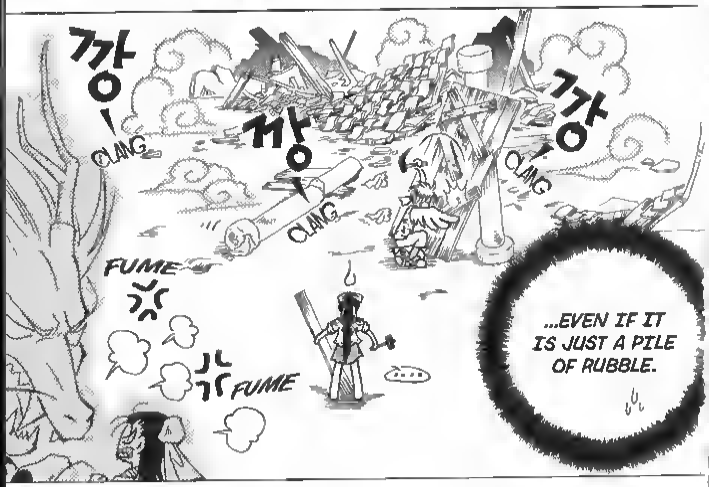

Someone save me!!
WOOSH
WOOSH
SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN IF WE DON'T STOP HER
That's an awful lot of blood splattering everywhere...!
HE'S GETTING WHAT HE DESERVES.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
FOTTER
FOTTER
LET'S GO HOME.

...GO... HOME...

THAT'S RIGHT! EVEN IF I'VE LOST MY MEMORIES, GOOD FORTUNE MIGHT BE ON MY SIDE AFTER ALL.
Hand over those overdue reports!
You're still here!!


ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE TEMPORARY, I'VE FOUND A PLACE I CAN CALL HOME...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CLANG
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FUME
FUME
...EVEN IF IT IS JUST A PILE OF RUBBLE.

OK, EVEN MY NANNY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND ME OUT HERE, RIGHT?
DO THEY REALLY EXPECT ME TO LEARN HANDCRAFTS? HOW LAME, I PREFER FENCING CLASSES ANY DAY..
THE WEATHER'S SO WONDERFUL TODAY I WONDER IF HE'LL COME TO SEE ME TODAY..
TAP

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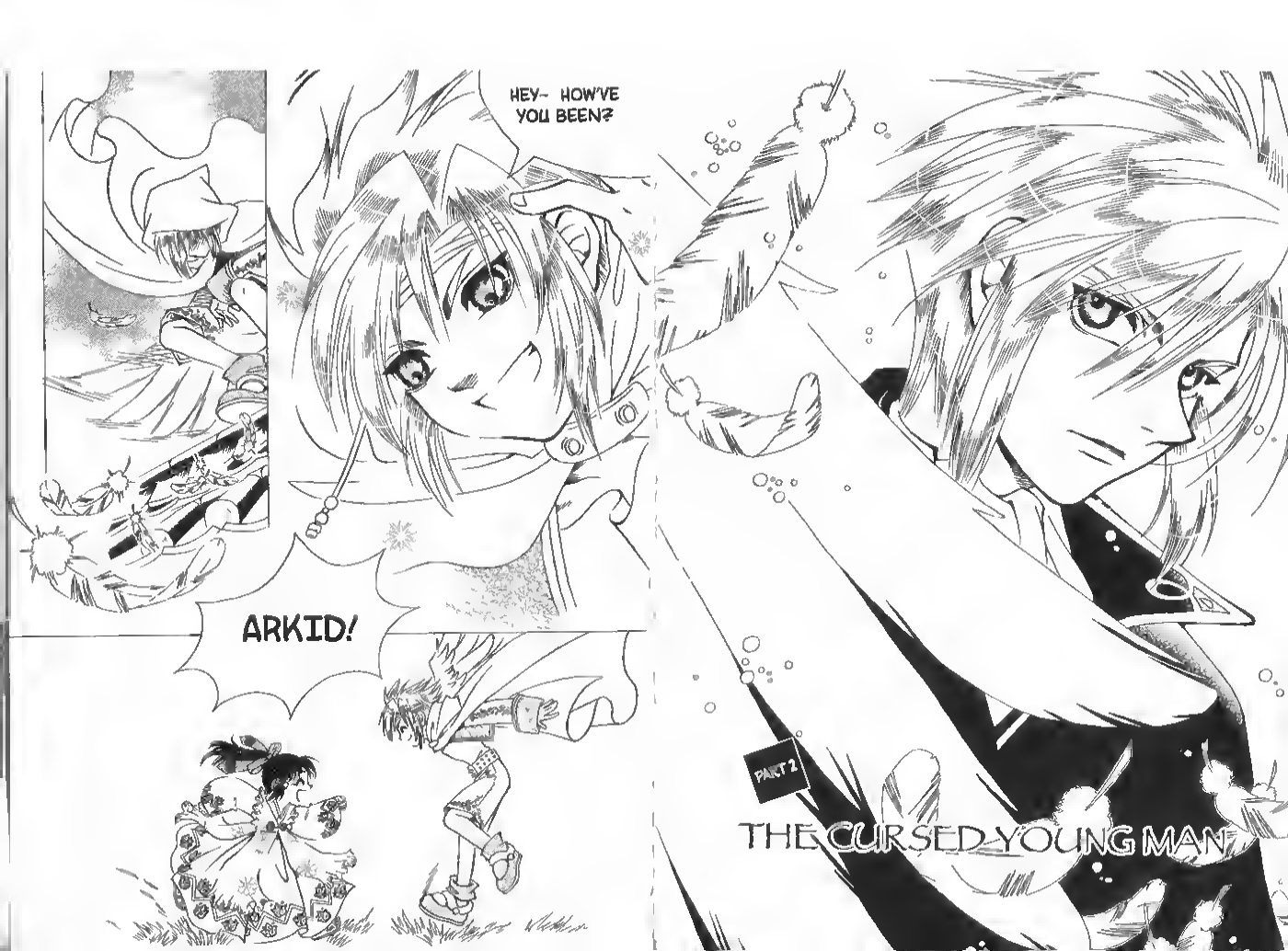
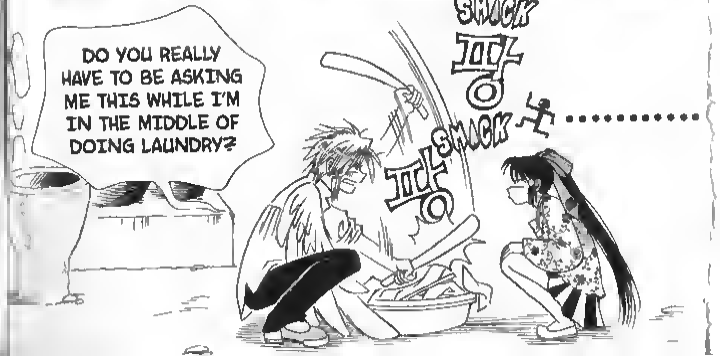
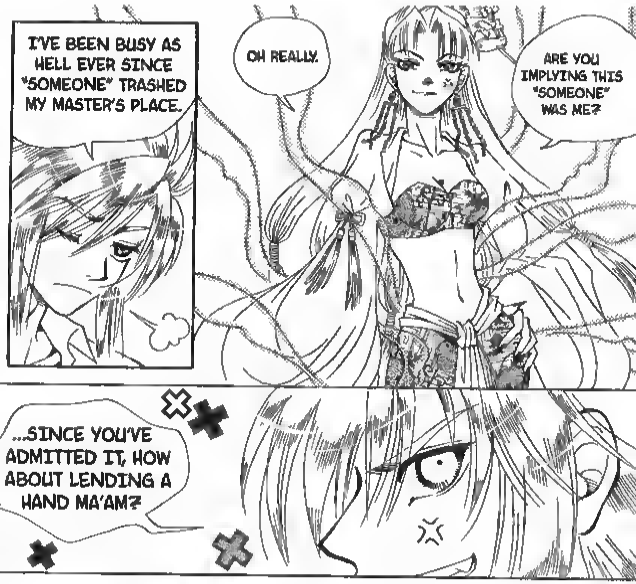

HEY~ HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
ARKID!
PART 2
THE CURSED YOUNG MAN

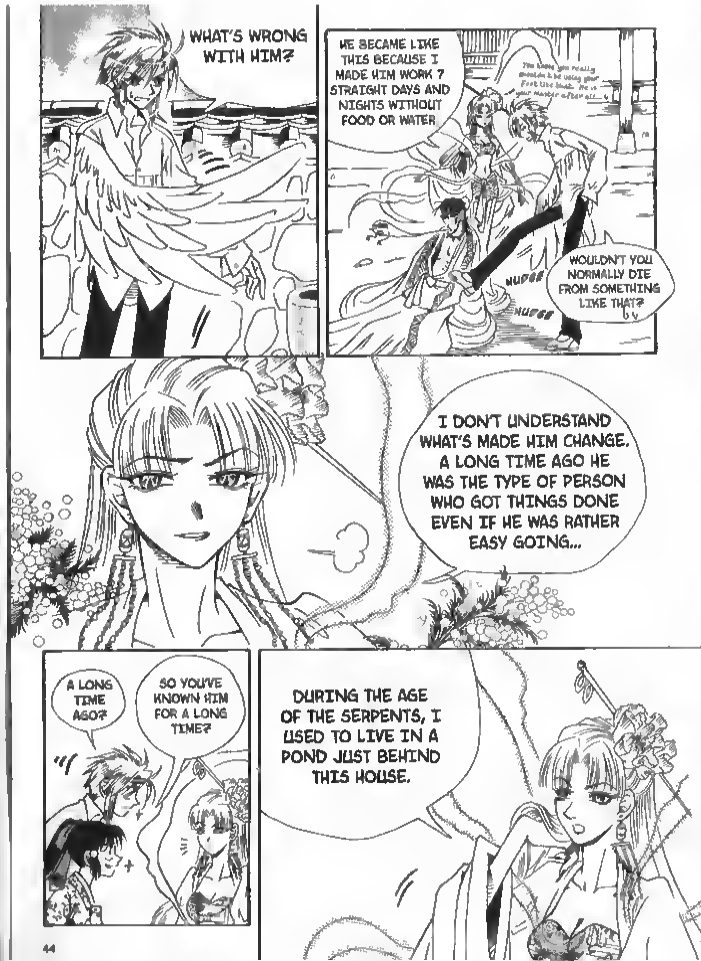
I WANT A NAME.
TWINKLE
TWINKLE

WHY'RE ASKING FOR A NAME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
THIS ISN'T ALL OF A SUDDEN SINCE YOU TOOK ME IN, YOU'VE BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR ME SO YOU SHOULD GIVE ME A NAME!

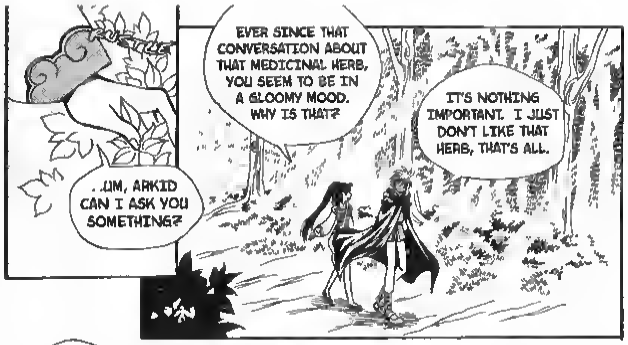

DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE ASKING ME THIS WHILE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF DOING LAUNDRY?
SMACK
SMACK

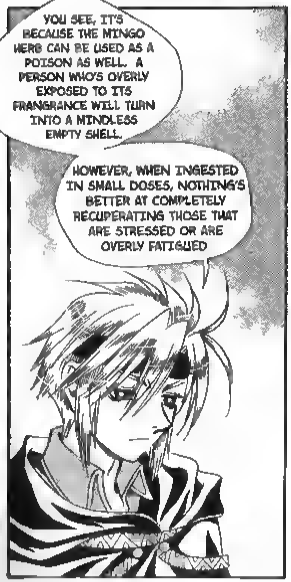

I'VE BEEN BUSY AS HELL EVER SINCE "SOMEONE" TRASHED MY MASTER'S PLACE.
OH REALLY.
ARE YOU IMPLYING THIS "SOMEONE" WAS ME?
...SINCE YOU'VE ADMITTED IT, HOW ABOUT LENDING A HAND MA'AM?

NOT A CHANCE. I'M TOO BUSY MAKING SURE THIS BASTARD, TESAN, IS DOING HIS WORK.


WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
HE BECAME LIKE THIS BECAUSE I MADE HIM WORK 7 STRAIGHT DAYS AND NIGHTS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER
WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY DIE FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S MADE HIM CHANGE. A LONG TIME AGO HE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO GOT THINGS DONE EVEN IF HE WAS RATHER EASY GOING...
A LONG TIME AGO?
SO YOU'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME?
DURING THE AGE OF THE SERPENTS, I USED TO LIVE IN A POND JUST BEHIND THIS HOUSE.

JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! THEN YOU GUYS WERE GOING OUT?
STOP JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS!
I SEE, SO YOU AND MY MASTER HAVE HAD THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP FOR SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF YEARS THEN ..
IN-IN-IN-IN ANY CASE, THAT'S BESIDES THE POINT!
ARKID! I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE WHITE SHOALS AND BRING BACK SOME MINGO HERBS!
I DON'T THINK TESAN WILL GET ANY WORK DONE UNTIL HE'S HAD SOME OF THAT.
DO ME A FAVOR AND GET IT QUICKLY.


..UM, ARKID CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
EVER SINCE THAT CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT MEDICINAL HERB, YOU SEEM TO BE IN A GLOOMY MOOD. WHY IS THAT?
IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT. I JUST DON'T LIKE THAT HERB, THAT'S ALL.


YOU SEE, IT'S BECAUSE THE MINGO HERB CAN BE USED AS A POISON AS WELL. A PERSON WHO'S OVERLY EXPOSED TO ITS FRAGRANCE WILL TURN INTO A MINDLESS EMPTY SHELL.
HOWEVER, WHEN INGESTED IN SMALL DOSES, NOTHING'S BETTER AT COMPLETELY RECUPERATING THOSE THAT ARE STRESSED OR ARE OVERLY FATIGUED

WOW, ARKID! YOU SEEM TO KNOW SO MUCH!

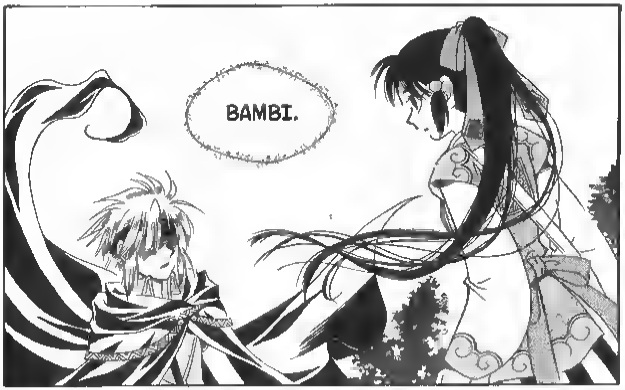
STILL, I'M NOTHING SPECIAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU COMPARE ME TO MY SISTER..

IN ANY CASE, IT'S NOTHING TO BOAST ABOUT
HMM~ WELL, IF YOU ASK ME, I THINK YOU'RE PRETTY AMAZING.

NOW THEN, WON'T YOU PLEASE GIVE ME A NAME NOBLE SIR ARKID~?
THE PUPPY EYES TACTIC

MY NAME WILL BE?
YOUR NAME WILL BE..

YOUR NAME WILL BE...


BAMBI.

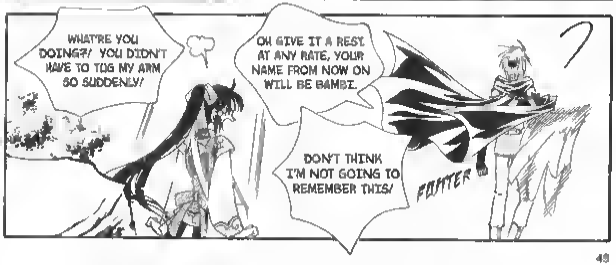
BAMBI..?

HEY BAMBI!

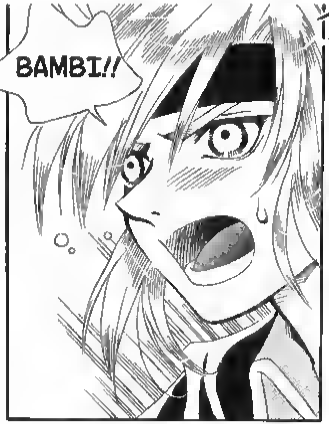
ALL OF SUDDEN, I FELT AS IF...
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE I WAS CHILD.

TUG

KYAA!


WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TUG MY ARM SO SUDDENLY!
OH GIVE IT A REST. AT ANY RATE, YOUR NAME FROM NOW ON WILL BE BAMBI.
DON'T THINK I'M NOT GOING TO REMEMBER THIS!
FUMFER

WOOSH
HUH?!
THIS IS WHERE THE WHITE SHOALS BEGIN.
IT'S COLD HERE IN THE WHITE SHOALS SO STICK CLOSE BEHIND ME...
HUH..?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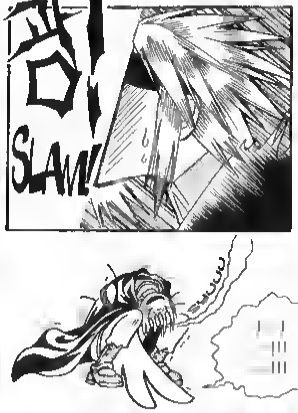
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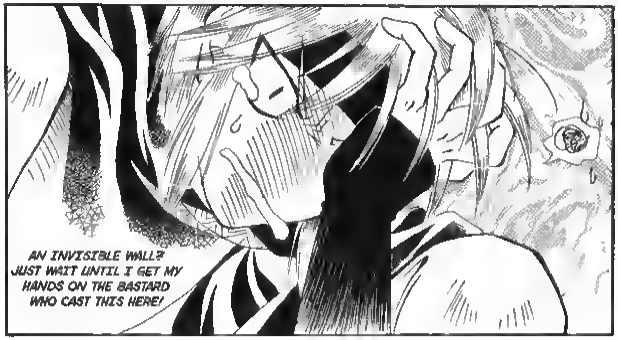
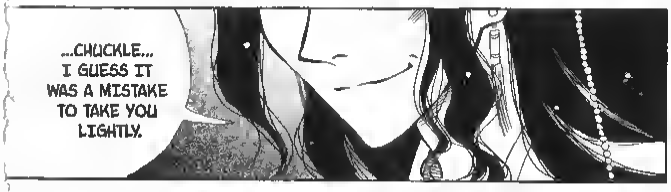

AN INVISIBLE WALL? JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON THE BASTARD WHO CAST THIS HERE!

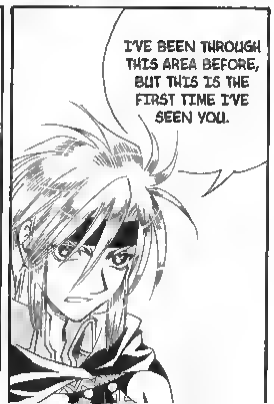
HEY, YOU ALRIGHT?

THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE COULD HAVE MISSED THAT SOUND OF YOU SLAMMING INTO THAT WALL. YOU COULD HEAR THE ECHO THROUGHOUT THE FOREST.
...HEY ARE YOU DEAF OR SOMETHING? EVEN THAT PRETTY BOY FACE OF YOURS CAN BE PRETTY SCARY WHEN YOU JUST SIT THERE STARING AT PEOPLE LIKE THAT~
TONG NANG

JUMP
I KNEW IT, YOU'RE NOT HUMAN! ARE YOU THE ONE WHO TRAPPED ME WITHIN THIS INVISIBLE BARRIER?


...CHUCKLE... I GUESS IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TAKE YOU LIGHTLY.

I MAY BE A GHOST BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M A NICE GHOST, REALLY. I'M SURE YOU'VE NOTICED THAT I'M NOT EMANATING AN EVIL AURA OR ANYTHING.
SMILE! SMILE!


I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS AREA BEFORE, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF THE STORY OF THE WHITE SHOALS, RIGHT? PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE'S A DEMON SEALED UP SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
YEAH, I'VE HEARD OF THAT. SO WHAT?
WELL, I'M THE EXORCIST WHO SEALED THAT DEMON UP.
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEALING THE DEMON HERE, I DIED AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING OVER THESE WOODS EVER SINCE.
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M THAT STUPID?!
YOU JUST SAID YOU CAME OUT AFTER YOU HEARD THE SOUND OF MY HEAD RUNNING INTO A WALL. SO HOW THE HELL DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BAMBI DISAPPEARING?!
NORMALLY, I JUST SIT AROUND QUIETLY BUT I GOT CURIOUS AFTER HEARING THE SOUND OF YOUR HEAD RUNNING INTO THAT WALL SO I THOUGHT I'D CHECK IT OUT.
YEAH, SO I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU BEING TRAPPED HERE OR YOUR GIRLFRIEND DISAPPEARING ALL OF A SUDDEN.
CHUCKLE
SLAP
YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HEY YOU'RE PRETTY SMART FOR A PRETTY BOY.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S AN IDIOT.
MY, MY, AREN'T WE ILL TEMPERED?
SHUT UP. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A..
BOOM
FLAMING EXPLOSION!

LET BAMBI GO. THAT IS IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS TO BE YOUR SECOND FUNERAL.

UWAAA!
FFZT
FFZT
IT HURTS, IT HURTS!

I TELL YOU, YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE NO RESPECT THESE DAYS!

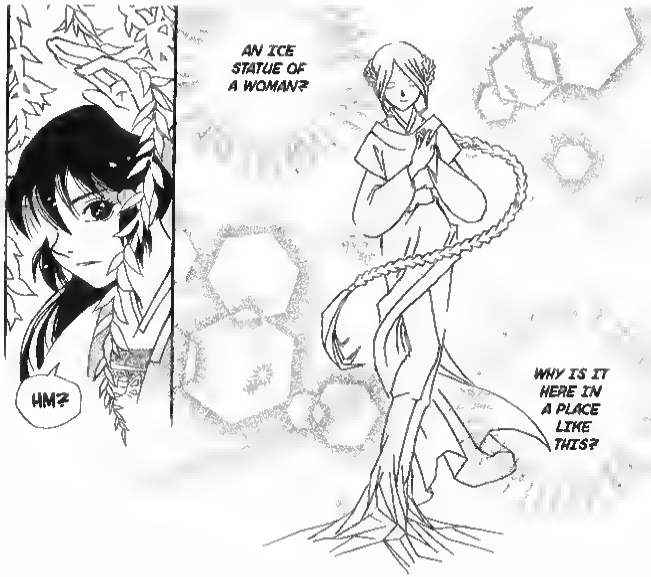
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE! YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR POWERS YOUNG MAN!
I MEANT FOR THAT TO HURT, YOU IDIOT!

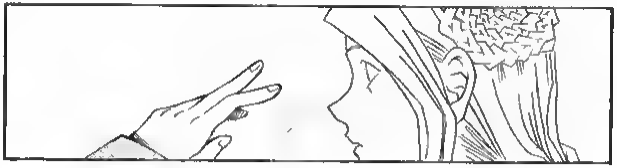
WOW, YOU REALLY ARE FOUL TEMPERED AREN'T YOU?

WELL, IN ANY CASE, REGARDLESS OF HOW POWERFUL YOU MAY BE, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT ME WITHIN THESE WHITE SHOALS.
IF YOU ABANDON THE GIRL, I'LL LET YOU GO. HOW ABOUT IT?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

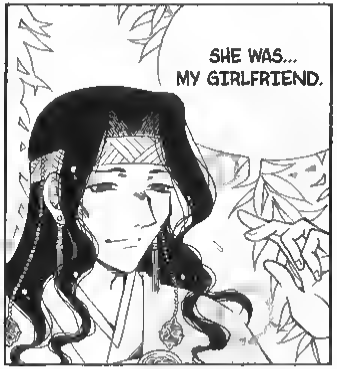
AH-CHOO!
MMM... IT'S SO COLD HERE.
I WONDER WHERE ARKID WENT OFF TO ALL OF A SUDDEN.
WITH EVERYTHING BEING ABSOLUTELY WHITE HERE, I CAN'T SEEM TO GET ANY BEARING AS TO WHERE I AM
EVEN THIS WILLOW TREE IS WHITE.


HM?
AN ICE STATUE OF A WOMAN?
WHY IS IT HERE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?



STOP, DON'T TOUCH HER.

THAT'S NOT A STATUE. IT'S A PERSON WHO'S BEEN TURNED INTO ICE.


SHE WAS... MY GIRLFRIEND.

WHO ARE YOU?

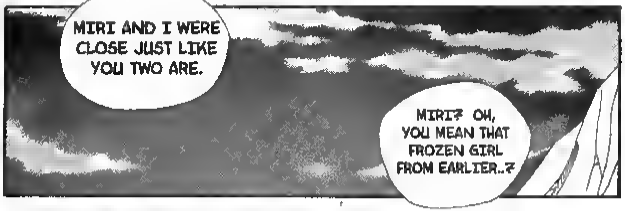
I WANTED TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING. WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS FOREST?
OH, ME? I CAME HERE WITH A COMPANION TO FIND SOME MEDICINAL HERBS BUT I'VE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET SEPARATED FROM HIM AND GET LOST

A COMPANION? IS HE BY ANY CHANCE A PRETTY BOY THAT LOOKS LIKE A FOREIGNER WITH A WING FOR AN ARM?
AH! THAT'S HIM!

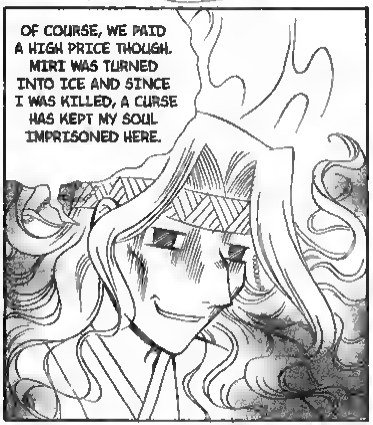
BUT DON'T YOU THINK HE'S GOT A DIRTY TEMPER?
OH MY, THAT'S HIM EXACTLY! DO YOU KNOW HIM?

BUT STILL, HE'S ACTUALLY NICER THAN HE SEEMS.

I SAW HIM GATHERING HERBS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FOREST. I'LL GUIDE YOU THERE.


MIRI AND I WERE CLOSE JUST LIKE YOU TWO ARE.
MIRI? OH, YOU MEAN THAT FROZEN GIRL FROM EARLIER..?

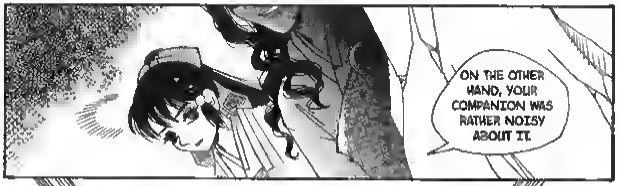
WE MADE THE BEST TEAM. TOGETHER WE EVEN MANAGED TO SEAL AWAY POWERFUL DEMONS IN THIS VERY FOREST.


OF COURSE, WE PAID A HIGH PRICE THOUGH. MIRI WAS TURNED INTO ICE AND SINCE I WAS KILLED, A CURSE HAS KEPT MY SOUL IMPRISONED HERE.

NO, NO, DON'T BE AFRAID, I'M NOT AN EVIL SPIRIT. I'M MERELY AN EXTRA CHARACTER WHO'S STUCK IN THIS FOREST TO WATCH OVER THE SEAL OF A DEMON.
If I want I can even look like a real ghost like this ♪

I'M TELLING YOU, YOUR REACTION WAS HYSTERICAL.
WHEN YOU TURN TRANSPARENT LIKE THAT, IT'S RATHER FRIGHTENING.

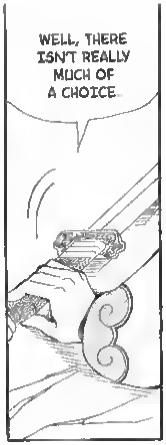
WELL, JUST AS YOU DID, I CAN'T JUST APPEAR IN FRONT OF ANYONE SINCE THEY SCARE SO EASILY


ON THE OTHER HAND, YOUR COMPANION WAS RATHER NOISY ABOUT IT.

SO I HAD TO SHUT HIM UP A BIT.

ARKID!
DON'T WORRY. HE'S FINE FOR NOW.
BUT WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS..?

WHY?
JUST BECAUSE I'M BORED.
CLANG
ANYTHING YOU CUT WITH THAT SWORD TURNS INTO ICE IF YOU STAB YOUR COMPANION WITH THAT I'LL LET YOU LEAVE THIS FOREST OR IF YOU CUT YOURSELF WITH IT, I'LL LET HIM GO FREE.
CHOOSE.


WELL, THERE ISN'T REALLY MUCH OF A CHOICE.

SUUU

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...YOU SAID THAT ANYTHING THIS SWORD CUTS TURNS TO ICE RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYTHING.
IS HE REALLY THAT PRECIOUS TO YOU THAT YOU WOULD TURN YOURSELF INTO ICE TO SAVE HIM?

...WELL YOU SEE, I ALREADY OWE ARKID MY LIFE.

WHAT..?!

TOSS

HOW COULD THIS BE...
REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING ELSE...
I'M NOT FOOLISH ENOUGH TO SIMPLY THROW MY OWN LIFE AWAY.

THIS ISN'T THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE!
WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO KNOW WAS...
CRACK
CRACK
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE CHOSEN ONE OF THE TWO CHOICES!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
THIS WORLD ISN'T JUST SOME OBJECT THAT EXISTS TO AMUSE YOU.

CRASH!
ARKID!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE..?
SMACK!
WHAT...
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
YOU IDIOT!

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF THAT SWORD DIDN'T WORK ON HIM?
YEAH! WHAT A RECKLESS YOUNG LADY.
JOL!
SWARUE
?!!
I THOUGHT I ALREADY TOLD YOU, THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO DISAPPEAR FROM THIS FOREST.
FROM THE START, I HAD NO REAL INTENTION OF HARMING EITHER OF YOU.
IT'S JUST... I WAS SIMPLY CURIOUS.

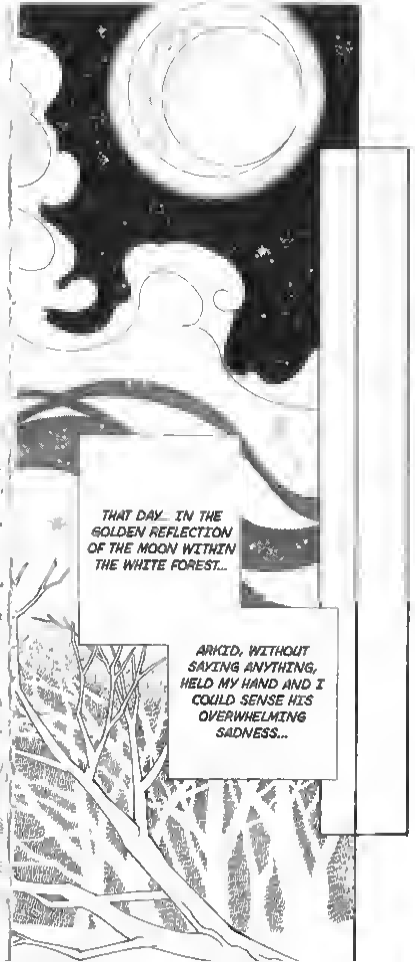
WHEN MIRI AND I ATTEMPTED TO SEAL THE DEMON IN THIS FOREST, OUR ATTEMPT WAS ONLY HALF-SUCCESSFUL AND THE DEMON WAS ABLE TO PLACE A CURSE ON US.
THE CURSE WAS THAT ONLY ONE OF US WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE ONCE THE OTHER DIED...
THEN WITHOUT WARNING, MIRI ATTACKED ME WITHOUT ANY REMORSE
AND SO IT CAME TO BE THAT I STABBED HER THROUGH THE HEART WITH THAT SWORD. ONCE THE CURSE WAS BROKEN, I HAD TO USE MY SOUL TO COMPLETELY SEAL AWAY THE DEMON
BUT I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ALL THIS TIME...
IF ANOTHER COUPLE WAS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION, WOULD THEY HAVE FOUGHT AND KILLED EACH OTHER AS IN OUR CASE?
I APOLOGIZE FOR INVOLVING YOU TWO...

BUT STILL, I GET THE FEELING THAT HAD IT BEEN YOU TWO, A DIFFERENT CHOICE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE
I KINDA FEEL SORRY FOR HIM... HE EVEN MISTOOK US FOR A COUPLE.
TO THINK THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER WOULD HAVE TO CROSS SWORDS...
IF IT WERE ME, I WONDER WHAT CHOICE I WOULD'VE MADE...

PLEASE DON'T/ DON'T EVER PUT YOURSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU'D GO THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IT'S JUST SO SAD EVEN TO SIMPLY THINK ABOUT.
SUUU

...IT'S TOO LATE FOR REGRETS THOUGH, I'M ALREADY LIVING OUT A SIMILAR SITUATION.

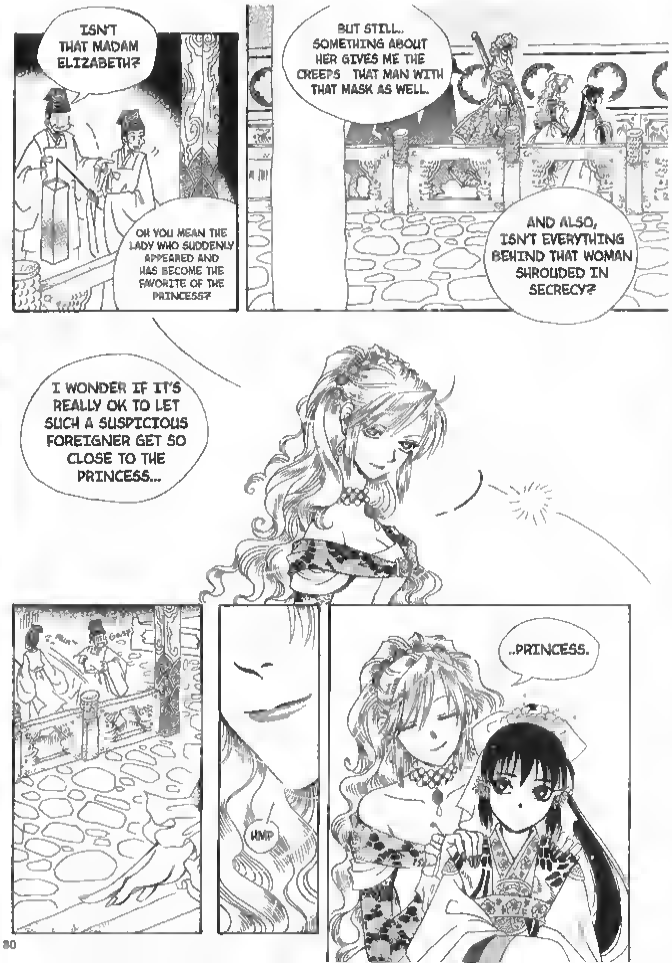
AT THAT TIME...
THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ME KNOW WHY ARKID BORE SUCH AN EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE .


THAT DAY... IN THE GOLDEN REFLECTION OF THE MOON WITHIN THE WHITE FOREST...
ARKID, WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, HELD MY HAND AND I COULD SENSE HIS OVERWHELMING SADNESS...

CHUNG-RHANG PALACE WITHIN THE CAPITAL
PRINCESS, SO THIS IS WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN
IT ISN'T GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH TO WANDER AROUND DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

PRINCESS BAMBI.

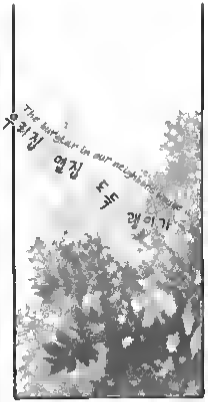
PART 3
THE LATTER HALF OF MEMORIES


ISN'T THAT MADAM ELIZABETH?
OH YOU MEAN THE LADY WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED AND HAS BECOME THE FAVORITE OF THE PRINCESS?
BUT STILL... SOMETHING ABOUT HER GIVES ME THE CREEPS THAT MAN WITH THAT MASK AS WELL.
AND ALSO, ISN'T EVERYTHING BEHIND THAT WOMAN SHROUDED IN SECRECY?
I WONDER IF IT'S REALLY OK TO LET SUCH A SUSPICIOUS FOREIGNER GET SO CLOSE TO THE PRINCESS...
HMP
..PRINCESS.

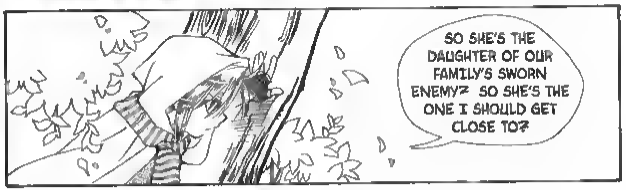
YOU ARE STILL BURNING THE INCENSE WITHIN THE KING'S BEDCHAMBERS AS I'VE BEEN ASKING YOU TO, RIGHT?
.. YES OH THAT'S RIGHT, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU THAT I'M ALMOST OUT OF THAT MINGO INCENSE
IS THAT SO?
IKARUS!
YES, SISTER?
I WANT YOU TO GO TO MASTER TESAN'S PLACE TOMORROW TO GET SOME MORE MINGO HERBS
ALTHOUGH I WOULD GO MYSELF...
RATTLE

OUR PRINCESS SIMPLY CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT ME.
SHIIIII
...ITTY...
KITTY?!
YOU LITTLE RASCAL! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
BROTHER IKARUS?! I told you not to call me Kitty anymore!!
I HAD SOME THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF ANYWAYS, LET GO. GEEZE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ME GRAB SO HARD!
THEN YOU'D BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO!
Stalker

HOW STUPID DO YOU THINK I AM?!
TURN
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? SO WHAT DID YOU END UP DOING WITH THE GIRL?!
DON'T ASK ME!
DON'T TELL ME...
ARE YOU TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS FOR REVENGE, A PLAN WE'VE BEEN WAITING TO CARRY OUT FOR 14 YEARS?!
SLASH
ARKID?!
TELL ME THE TRUTH, AM I A MONSTER? WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WITH A WING FOR AN ARM?!
MY POOR ARKID... YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER BUT THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF A CURSE.
THAT DAY... AFTER OUR FATHER WAS MURDERED, THE REST OF OUR FAMILY WAS CURSED
BUILD THE ANGER WITHIN YOU ARKID, AND DON'T EVER FORGET ABOUT THE CURSE WHICH IS STILL ON YOUR RIGHT ARM.
ALL OF THESE BAD THINGS HAPPENED TO US BECAUSE THE KING FELT SCARED OF THE GROWING POWER OF OUR FAMILY.
BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL GET REVENGE FOR ALL OF US. I MAY STILL BE WEAK BUT WE'LL WORK AT IT SLOWLY. ARKID, I WANT YOU TO HELP AS WELL. I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.

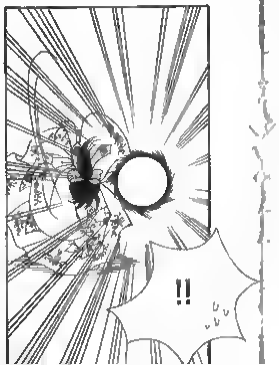

The border in our neighborhood

Hides his face by pulling on mask
TAT
TAP
TAT
And when he doesn't have one


SO SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF OUR FAMILY'S SWORN ENEMY? SO SHE'S THE ONE I SHOULD GET CLOSE TO?

HM?

ONE, TWO.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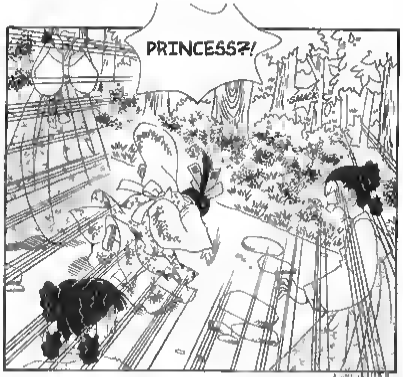
PRINCESS?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING PRINCESS?
PLEASE DON'T THROW THE BALL LIKE SOME VULGAR STREET GIRL!
IT'S JUST THAT I SAW SOMETHING SHINY OVER THERE.

BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
YEAH SO...

BLAH BLAH
BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
BLAH
BLAH BLAH BLAH
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I'M GOING TO GET THE BALL, SO DON'T FOLLOW ME.
PRINCESS?!

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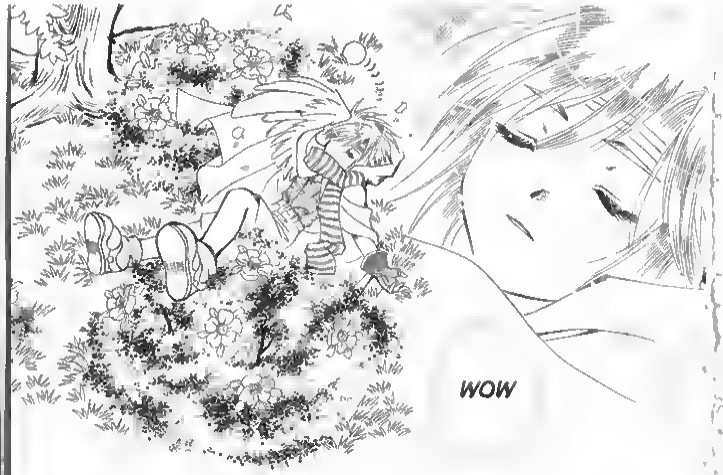
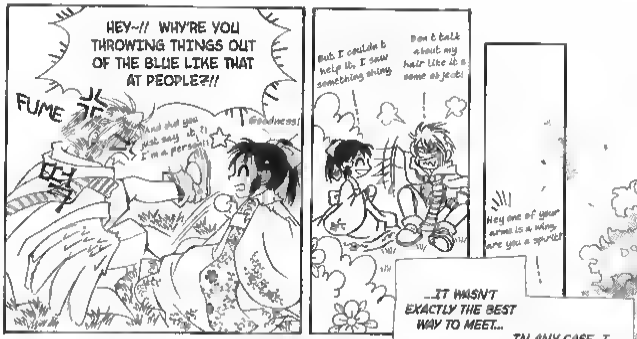

WOW

I WONDER WHAT THIS IS? IT'S SO PRETTY...
SHINE!
THUMP


HEY--!! WHY'RE YOU THROWING THINGS OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT AT PEOPLE?!!
FUME
And did you just say "it"? I'm a person!
Goodness!
But I couldn't help it, I saw something wrong.
Don't talk about my hair like it's some objet!
Hey one of your arms is a wing are you a spirit?

...IT WASN'T EXACTLY THE BEST WAY TO MEET...
IN ANY CASE, I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN APPROACHING BAMBI
WHAT SISTER WANTED WAS DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT BAMBI
THEREAFTER I WENT TO BAMBI WHENEVER POSSIBLE, PRETENDING TO BE HER FRIEND.
OR AT LEAST I THOUGHT I WAS PRETENDING...
FAP
FAP
FAP
CLANG
CLANG

TUG
HUUU
AH~ CEREMONIES ARE SO BORING I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE!
WHAT'S SO BORING?
ARKID~!
UWA~!
WOOSH

REGARDLESS OF EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU'RE STILL A PRINCESS. YOU SHOULD TRY TO ACT MORE LIKE ONE.
REALLY, BEING A PRINCESS SIMPLY DOESN'T SUIT ME VERY WELL.
OH STOP THAT! I GET ENOUGH SCOLDING FROM MY LADIES IN WAITING, I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD IT WITH BEING A PRINCESS.
WELL WHAT ABOUT IT? DO YOU PLAN ON QUITTING OR SOMETHING?
I WOULD IF IT WERE ONLY POSSIBLE TO QUIT BEING A PRINCESS!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL FAR FAR AWAY TO A PLACE WHERE THE SKY ENDS.
FOR 16 YEARS, EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE THIS PALACE EVEN ONCE.

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO LEAVE, JUST ONCE.
WON'T YOU WHISK ME AWAY, ARKID?
?!
SUUU
I'M JUST KIDDING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR IT
SLAAAA
WOW, the lowness is really amazing
SLAM 탁!
...I'M BACK
WELCOME BACK. SO DID YOU GET IT.?
A STRAND OF THE PRINCESS' HAIR.

THIS IS THE LAST INGREDIENT TO THE RECIPE... YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB UP TILL NOW.
YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO MEET HER ANY MORE.
SWOOSH
YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO MEET HER ANY MORE.. AND SINCE WE WON'T NEED THE REAL PRINCESS AFTER WE'VE MADE THE SWITCH, WE'LL KILL HER...
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF MY FAMILY'S SWORN ENEMY, SO I SHOULDN'T CARE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WHAT HAPPENS TO HER.. THEN HOW DO I EXPLAIN THE FEELING I GET WHEN I'M AROUND HER?
ANSWER ME ARKID!
I'VE ONLY BEEN PRETENDING TO BE HER FRIEND.. WHY DO I KEEP FEELING THIS WAY? MAYBE I'M... I'M...
WITH THIS FINAL INGREDIENT, I'LL COMPLETE THIS DOLL WHICH NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL APART FROM THE REAL PRINCESS BAMBI.
I'M PLANNING ON SWITCHING THIS DOLL FOR THE REAL PRINCESS
AND SINCE WE WON'T NEED THE REAL PRINCESS AFTER WE'VE MADE THE SWITCH, WE'LL KILL HER AND THIS DOLL WILL BECOME THE REAL PRINCESS BAMBI. HU HU HU HU..
ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS? HUH?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? PRINCESS BAMBI IS...
THE DAUGHTER OF THE MAN WHO MASSACRED OUR FAMILY.

HE CALLED ME, PRINCESS BAMBI..? AND THAT I'M HIS SWORN ENEMY ?
HE CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT ME, RIGHT..?

JUST EXACTLY WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?!

ARKID..! TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE!

PRINCESS BAMBI?!
BAMBI, RUN!!
ALL THAT ABOUT BEING SWORN ENEMIES... YOU WEREN'T TALKING ABOUT ME, RIGHT?!

ARKIDZ?!
OH SPINNING WHIRLPOOL OF TIME AND SPACE
OPEN A GATEWAY TO THE OTHER SIDE!
HURRY, GO...
SQUEEZE
SHOVE
AH!
RUN!
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THE WITCH WILL GET YOU!

ARKID!
BUBBLE
보글
BUBBLE
보글
GASP!
SPLASH
COUGH
COUGH
...THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW...

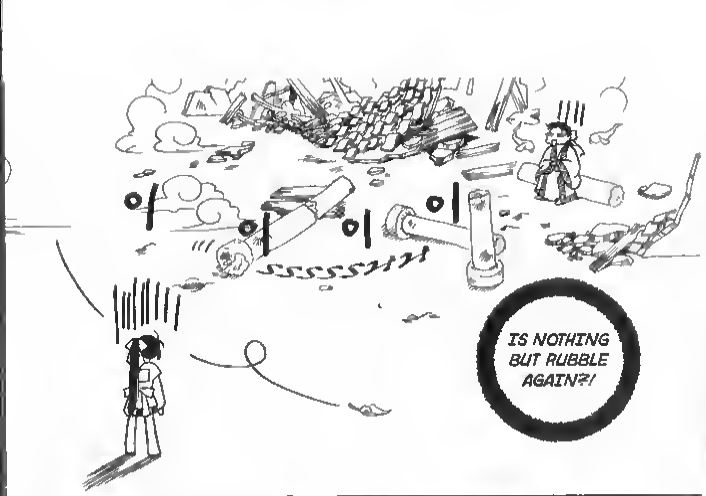
THAT DAY, I WAS TAKING A WALK ALONE AFTER HAVING GOTTEN AWAY FROM MY ATTENDANTS WHEN...
A BLONDE HAIRED WITCH APPEARED BEFORE ME AND TRIED TO KILL ME.
JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME, ARKID WHISKED ME AWAY AND ALLOWED ME TO ESCAPE.
BUT STILL...
DID HE GET CLOSE TO ME FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING ME?
WAS IT ALL...
JUST A LIE..?

SHAKE ---
I WAS SUCH A FOOL... I WISH I COULD GO BACK HOME.
...
...HOME... I WONDER WHERE THAT IS?
IS IT MASTER TESAN'S PLACE? ..OR THE CHUNG RA PALACE? ...OR WHERE ARKID IS?
WHERE IS MY HOME...?
CRASH

DIDN'T THAT THUNDER JUST STRIKE IN THE DIRECTION OF MASTER TESAN'S HOME?
TUMBLE
ALL OF THIS... AREN'T THESE THE REPORTS FOR THE PAST 300 YEARS WHICH YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SUBMITTING?! WHY HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING THEM?!
TAP
THAT'S RIGHT... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU STOPPED SENDING YOUR REPORTS JUST AFTER I BECAME YOUR SUPERVISOR AND WAS ALLOWED TO RESIDE IN THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM DUE TO MY PROMOTION.
HOW DARE YOU?! YOU WROTE THE REPORTS BUT SIMPLY DIDN'T TURN THEM INTO ME?!

THE PLACE WHERE THE WIND BLOWS DUST...

THE PLACE I'VE RETURNED TO AND CALL HOME...


IS NOTHING BUT RUBBLE AGAIN?!

WHAT? BUT I THOUGHT YOU HADN'T DONE THEM..!
THAT'S ONE OF MANY REPORTS I'VE WRITTEN TO COVER THE LAST 300 YEAR OF INCIDENTS WHICH I WAS SUPPOSED TO SUBMIT TO BUYONG.
I'VE FINISHED THEM ALL ON TIME YET I HID THEM RATHER THAN SUBMIT THEM

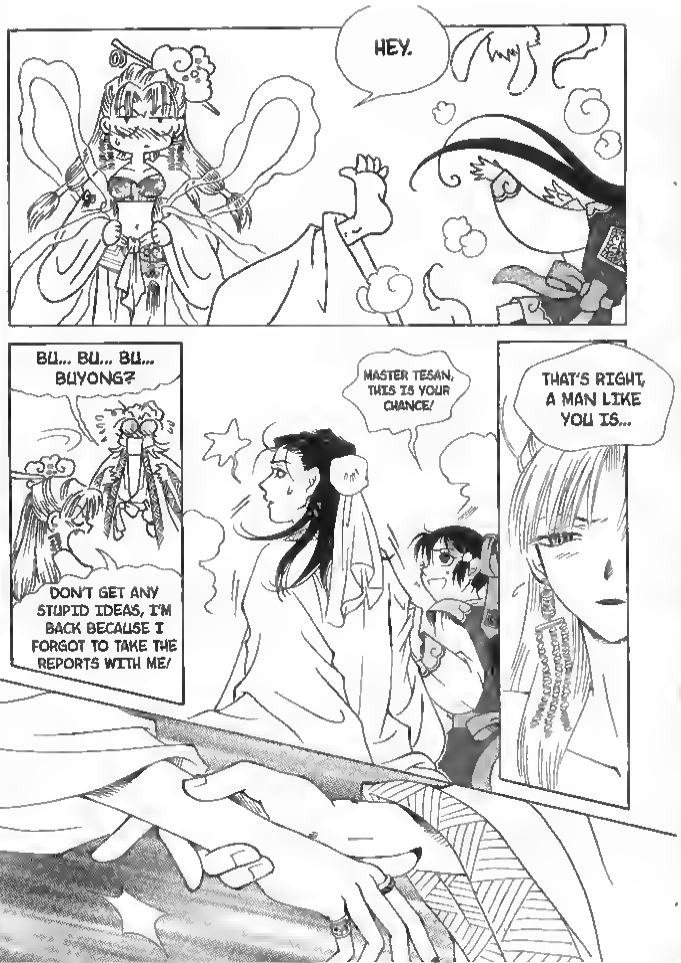
IT WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO BRING HER DOWN.

MASTER TESAN, WHAT HAPPENED? AND WHERE'S LADY BUYONG?
DUUUH
TAP
KYU~
ISN'T THIS SOME KIND OF OLD WORN OUT REPORT?

HOW, HOW COULD YOU! EVEN IF YOU WERE JEALOUS OF HER POSITION, THAT'S DESPICABLE!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT-/ I WANTED TO BRING HER DOWN FROM HEAVEN BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE HER/
MASTER TESAN...

SO THEN, YOU REALLY HAD FEELINGS FOR HER.
WELL NOT EXACTLY.
OH STOP DENYING IT/ IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ACTING SO PATHETICALLY THAT YOU GOT DUMPED.
GO AHEAD, CHEW ME OUT. I DESERVE IT.
WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS LIKE THIS, YOU HAVE TO BE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND JUST CONFESS
WHY DON'T YOU...
GO AND RESOLVE LADY BUYONG'S MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION?
...IF ONLY MY SITUATION WAS ALSO A SIMPLE CASE OF MISUNDERSTANDING...

BAMBI...
ALTHOUGH ARKID WAS WOUNDED, HIS BROTHER TOOK HIM BACK WITH HIM AND HE SHOULD BE FINE NOW.
WAS HE BADLY H..
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM, RIGHT? BUT STILL, I BET YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FORGIVE HIM JUST YET.
EVEN IF I TOLD YOU IT WAS ALL JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME RIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S LIFE. ONCE SOMETHING HAPPENS, THERE'S NO WAY TO CHANGE THE PAST. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY TO DEAL WITH IT.
SINCE BUYONG HAS A LOT OF PRIDE, MOST LIKELY SHE'LL NEVER COME BACK TO SEE ME EVER AGAIN...


HEY.
BU... BU... BU... BUYONG?
DON'T GET ANY STUPID IDEAS, I'M BACK BECAUSE I FORGOT TO TAKE THE REPORTS WITH ME!
MASTER TESAN, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!
THAT'S RIGHT, A MAN LIKE YOU IS...

HUG
WA... WAIT A SEC, TESAN?!
I'M SORRY BUYONG! IT'S JUST THAT I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO BADLY, I HAD TO MAKE YOU COME BACK ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT ALL THIS TIME WAS YOU!
OH TESAN...
YOU'RE SUCH A SILLY MAN... IT TOOK YOU 300 YEARS TO TELL ME THIS?

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST COME TO VISIT ME.
BUT THAT WOULD BE SO EMBARRASSING.
YOU IDIOT!
WELL, WHAT ABOUT YOU SUYONG? WHY IS IT THAT YOU NEVER CAME DOWN TO VISIT ME?
OH MY! BUT IT JUST WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR THE MAIDEN TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!
WHAT?! THAT WAS YOUR ONLY REASON?! HOW STUPID!
THEY'RE BOTH IDIOTS
What a waste of 300 years
BUT STILL...
I'M GLAD EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FOR THEM
What, I m stupid?!
How dare you call me an idiot!
CHATTER
GRAB
KYU~?
STOP FIGHTING!
KYUNG
KYA!
WHOA!
HUH? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE BAMBI!
I GUESS I MUST BE INVISIBLE OR SOMETHING...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE BY ARKID'S SIDE?
WHY SHOULD I BE..?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'WHY?' YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING WEIGHING ON YOUR MIND DON'T YOU?
ANYWAYS, I SUGGEST YOU TALK THINGS OVER WITH HIM UNTIL YOU'RE SATISFIED, ALRIGHT?
A WOMAN MUST BE STRONG! DON'T WAIVER AND STEP UP TO THE PLATE! AND IF WHAT HE TELLS YOU DOESN'T SATISFY YOU, DESTROY HIS HOUSE OR SOMETHING!!
UH, MAKE A SCENE & BE... F-F...
HO HO HO HO

BAMBI... OR RATHER, PRINCESS BAMBI.
EVER SINCE I FIRST FOUND ELIZABETH, SHE'S HAD NOTHING BUT BURNING HATRED IN HER EYES FOR YOU AND YOUR FATHER..
AND ARKID GREW UP LOOKING INTO THOSE EYES.
CELESTIAL BEINGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM INTERFERING WITH HUMAN AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY IF IT CONCERNS ROYALTY.
SO THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO FOR YOU. I JUST HOPE YOU REALIZE... THAT THE FIRST MOVE MUST BE MADE BY YOU. GO AND CONSOLE HIM.
MASTER TESAN..
THEN YOU KNEW ABOUT EVERYTHING ALL ALONG?
HUH? OH THAT... WELL, IT'S JUST THAT ARKID ASKED ME TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT EVERYTHING.
AND I BARELY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS AT ALL
YOU... YOU PEOPLE ARE SO MEAN... HOW COULD YOU JUST SIT THERE AND MISLEAD A POOR GIRL WITH AMNESIA..
I'M GONNA TELL DADDY ON YOU PEOPLE!
SNAP
OH THAT RIGHT! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THIS.
IT'LL BE USEFUL! YOU'LL FIND ARKID AT THE PALACE!
ISN'T THIS THE SWORD FROM THE WHITE SHOALS ?
BAMBI, GOOD LUCK!

CREAK
YOUR MAJESTY.
I'M THE DAUGHTER OF RADITZ CAPELLE, THE FRIEND YOU BETRAYED LONG AGO.
YOU ACCUSED THE CAPELLE FAMILY OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE ROYAL FAMILY
MOST LIKELY YOU DISLIKED THE IDEA OF FOREIGNERS GROWING INFLUENTIAL IN YOUR COUNTRY SO YOU PUNISHED THEM UNDER A FAKE PRETEXT
MY NAME IS ELIZABETH CAPELLE. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN IN YOUR AUDIENCE YOUR MAJESTY.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, YOU FAVORED ME A GREAT DEAL.
NOW IT OUR TURN. I'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR.
HMF~
TO THINK THAT A KING WHO RULES A NATION IS NOTHING BUT A DUMMY NOW! HOW PATHETIC!
HO HO HO HO~!

THIS IS MY 7TH CHILD MY FRIEND ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU STARTED TO THINK ABOUT HAVING CHILDREN AS WELL?
TWITCH — —
I HAVE ONE FINAL REQUEST MY FRIEND. MY CHILDREN...
UUU...
SLAM

TAK

HOW'S YOUR INJURY ARKID? I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU!
SWING!
TOSS

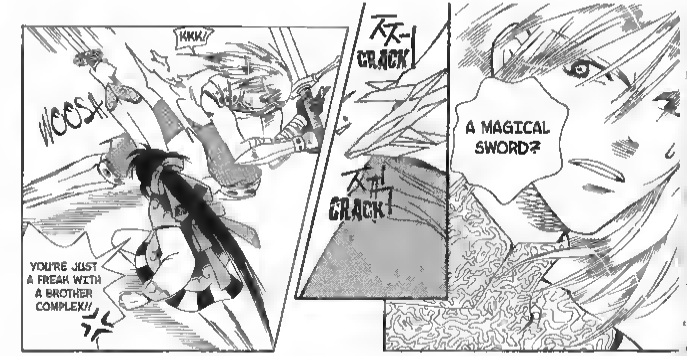
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU, SISTER THAT MY WOUND WIDENED!
Uuuarr!!
Miss Stab
How dare you let her escape!!
TWIST
WELL YOU DESERVED IT.

I 'DESERVED IT'? I'M OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS NOW. DON'T EXPECT ME TO BLINDLY DO WHATEVER YOU SAY.

ARKID...

YOU DARE TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME, YOUR PRECIOUS OLDER SISTER?
UH NO. I WAS SAYING THAT TO MY STUFFED ANIMAL COOPER THE 2ND!
Yeah, got it, punk!!
SWU
ARKID...
IF YOU HAD A WEAKNESS, IT WOULD BE THAT YOU'RE TOO NICE THAT'S WHY I CHOSE YOU TO APPROACH THE PRINCESS. BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU SYMPATHIZE WITH HER, YOU WOULDN'T BETRAY ME, YOUR SISTER, WOULD YOU?
SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS ISN'T RIGHT...
SYMPATHIZE WITH HER..? AND BETRAY YOU..?
IN ANY CASE, I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE SO YOU CAN REST. IT'S RATHER CHILLY OUTSIDE SO STAY IN HERE AND DON'T COME OUT.
FLUTTER
ARKID.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THIS WEATHER'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU?
SISTER HAS CHANGED SO MUCH.. SINCE WHEN DID SHE GET SO CAUGHT UP IN HER REVENGE THAT SHE STARTED TO TREAT EVEN FAMILY LIKE MERE TOOLS?

FLAP
HE HE, NO ONE KNOWS THE SECRET PASSAGES AROUND HERE LIKE I DO~!
AH~ NOTHING'S CHANGED.
EVEN WITH THESE PIGEONS IN FRONT
OF THE...
FOOM
KYA!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, PRINCESS BAMBI/ THIS TIME FOR SURE, I'LL END YOUR LIFE/
AREN'T... AREN'T YOU ARKID'S OLDER BROTHER?!
CLANG
SHUT UP/ YOU'RE THE BITCH WHO'S TRICKED MY YOUNGER BROTHER/ UNFORGIVABLE/
HEY/ YOU'RE THE PEOPLE WHO'RE TRYING TO KILL ME/ WHY'S ANY OF THIS MY FAULT?/
YOU'RE...

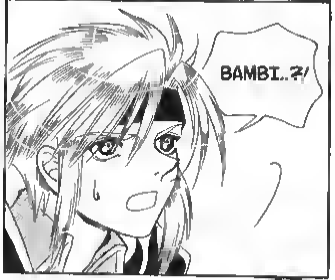

HHK!!
WOOSH
YOU'RE JUST A FREAK WITH A BROTHER COMPLEX!!
KK-I CRACK
KK-I CRACK
A MAGICAL SWORD?

YOU SLY WENCH! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?!
TADAA
ONLY THOSE THAT DESERVE IT ARE TREATED WELL BY LADY LUCK MR BROTHER COMPLEX!

YOU ASKED FOR IT, I'LL USE MY FULL STRENGTH NOW!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE GOING EASY ON ME EARLIER!!

SLAM

AR... ARKID?


BAMBI..?!

ARKID
HEY!
JUMP
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD OR SOMETHING?! WHY'RE YOU JUMPING ON YOUR BROTHER LIKE THAT?!
MY BAD, I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE THERE BROTHER.
I GUESS IT WASN'T A WASTE AFTER ALL TO CHASE AFTER MY TROUBLESOME LITTLE BROTHER...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE PRINCESS BAMBI. I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME.
ARKID, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. HAND OVER THE GIRL OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE YOU WON'T BE HARMED EVEN IF YOU ARE MY LITTLE BROTHER
ARKID...
GRAB

DOES THIS REALLY MAKE YOU HAPPY, SISTER? NOT ONLY ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY HER LIFE, YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL AN INNOCENT GIRL THAT DIDN'T HAVE ANY PART IN OUR FATHER'S MURDER. DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE TRYING TO DO TO HER WHAT WAS DONE TO US?!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO BETRAY ME ARKID?
THIS ISN'T BETRAYAL!
WHY IS IT THAT ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT NOW IS BETRAYAL, HATRED, AND REVENGE?
DON'T YOU THINK LIFE IS WORTH LIVING TO ITS FULLEST AND STRIVE FOR HAPPINESS?
HAPPINESS? HOW CAN YOU, SOMEONE WHO'S RIGHT ARM IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE ATROCITIES, PROTECT THE DAUGHTER OF THE SWORN ENEMY WHO DID THAT TO YOU?

EVEN THOUGH THINGS ARE DIFFICULT FOR ME WITH THIS CURSE...
BEING WITH BAMBI HAS TAUGHT ME SO MUCH.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN JUST THROW AWAY THESE FEELINGS SHE'S GIVEN ME.
ARKID...

UNFORTUNATELY ARKID, IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP NOW.
THE KING HAS ALREADY BECOME AN EMPTY SHELL DUE TO THE SCENT OF THE MINGO HERB
DOO
OM
LISTEN WELL PRINCESS, FOR I WILL TELL YOU HOW I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS TO YOUR FATHER ..
FATHER..?!
THE KING IS AN EXPERT MAGICIAN. THIS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO APPROACH HIM WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION.
THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY AROUND HIS KEEN SENSES. THAT IS USE HIS ONLY WEAKNESS, YOU PRINCESS BAMBI
AND SO I CREATED THIS DOLL.

THIS DOLL IS NEARLY PERFECT WHEN YOU COMPARE HER TO THE DOLLS I CREATED OUT OF THE HAIR FROM MY 4 DECEASED YOUNGER BROTHERS.
EVEN THE KING WASN'T ABLE TO TELL THIS DOLL AND YOU APART.
DO YOU KNOW HOW I WAS ABLE TO CREATE SUCH A PERFECT DUPLICATE OF YOU?
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND, MY YOUNGER BROTHER ARKID
THIS IS MY GREATEST CREATION. THIS DOLL HAS BECOME THE NEW PRINCESS BAMBI.
AND ARKID, REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO SYMPATHIZE WITH PRINCESS BAMBI, HER FATHER IS THE ONE WHO MADE US INTO VICTIMS.
EVEN IF YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER FATHER'S DEATH, I'M SURE YOU RECALL HOW YOUR BROTHERS DIED, RIGHT? YOUR 4 BROTHERS DIED TRYING TO BREAK THE CURSE WHICH TRANSFORMED US INTO SWANS

WAIT A MINUTE! SWANS? A FAMILY OF FOREIGNERS?!
ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE THE SURVIVORS OF THE CAPELLE FAMILY?!
YOU'VE ALL MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE!! MY FATHER WASN'T THE ONE WHO MURDERED YOUR FATHER!!

PART 5

Repatriation

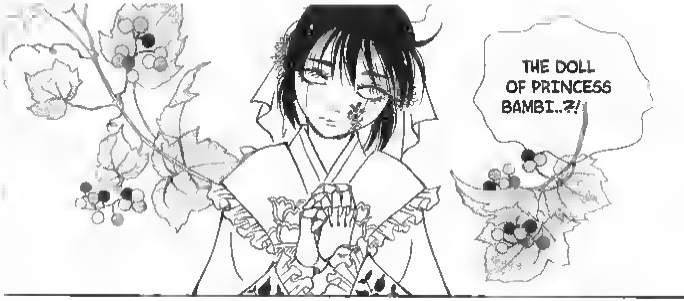
SAMBI, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU. EVERYONE IS SAYING THAT I HAD THE CAPELLE FAMILY KILLED BECAUSE THEY THREATENED OUR FAMILY WITH THEIR GROWING STRENGTH. HOWEVER THAT ISN'T TRUE.
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU MUST HEAR THE TRUTH.
NO FATHER, I WOULD NEVER BELIEVE SUCH RUMORS. I WOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU WOULD ORDER SOLDIERS TO BREAK INTO SOMEONE'S HOUSE.
NO, THAT PART OF THE RUMOR IS TRUE.
I HAD MY BODYGUARDS GO TO THE CAPELLE HOUSEHOLD.
HUH?!
BUT IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROTECTING THEM FROM ASSASSINS WHO HAD INFILTRATED THEIR HOUSE.
THUD
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM. I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT PART OF THE ARMY RATHER THAN JUST MY BODYGUARDS!
IT'LL BE TOO DIFFICULT TO HOLD OFF THE ASSASSINS AND PROTECT THESE 6 CHILDREN AT THE SAME TIME.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I'LL HAVE TO USE MAGIC...
UNFORTUNATELY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU CHILDREN IF YOU REMAIN HERE.
USE THE COVER OF WHITE AND FEATHERS

GO NOW! FLY AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!
FOOOMP
THOSE SIX SHOULD BE ALRIGHT, BUT WHERE DID ELIZABETH GO?
부스럭
RUSTLE
BOLT!
쾅
BOOM
ELIZABETH!
ELIZA...
DASH

THEN THOSE CHILDREN YOU TURNED INTO SWANS AND ELIZABETH...?
YES, I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM SINCE... BUT I'LL FIND THEM. BUT, IF FOR SOME REASON I'M NOT ABLE TO FIND THEM, I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH. THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M TELLING YOU THIS OLD STORY...
...AND THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME. IN ADDITION, EVERY TIME SOMEONE MENTIONED THAT STORY OR A RELATED RUMOR, FATHER ALWAYS LOOKED SAD AS IF HE WERE IN PAIN. ALL YOU SAW THAT DAY WAS ONLY A PORTION OF WHAT HAPPENED AND YOU MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON!

LIES... THOSE ARE JUST LIES!!
FLIP
ARE YOU SAYING
THE PAST 10 YEARS OF OUR LIVES, TRYING TO CARRY OUT OUR REVENGE WAS ALL JUST A WASTE?!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY! MY ONLY ENEMY IS THE KING!!
GRAB

IT'S THE TRUTH ELIZABETH.
HOW... HOW DID YOU?!
IT'S MY FAULT MA'AM...


THE DOLL OF PRINCESS BAMBI..?!

THE DOLL OF BAMBI ONLY BURNED THE MINGO INCENSE WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING.
AT ALL OTHER TIMES, THE BAMBI DOLL BURNED A DIFFERENT INCENSE.
IF I REALLY HAD INHALED THAT SCENT FOR THAT LONG, I REALLY WOULD HAVE TURNED INTO AN EMPTY SHELL.
IT SEEMS YOU'VE CREATED HER TO BE TOO PERFECT.
SO PERFECT THAT SHE ALSO TRIED TO PROTECT ME AS ANY DAUGHTER WOULD PROTECT HER FATHER...
TUG!
THEN WHO WAS THE CULPRIT?! WHY WOULD THEY BE AFTER US?!!

RADITZ CAPELLE.
HIS FULL NAME WAS RADITZ TABADORUN CAPELLE.
YOUR FATHER WAS THE 16TH KING OF THE CAPELLE FAMILY WHO HAS RULED A COUNTRY CALLED TABADORUN FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.
SPLASH
BRAG
A COUSIN OF MINE LED A COUP D'ETAT AND OVERTHREW MY GOVERNMENT. IN THE END I HAD TO CROSS THE OCEANS AND ESCAPE HERE TO AVOID CERTAIN DEATH.
BUT, YOU KNOW, I ACTUALLY PREFER THIS KIND OF LIFE. I THINK I CAN FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE.
YOU'RE BEING TOO NAIVE.
ASSASSINS WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU, YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT? AFTER ALL, TRAITORS AND USURPERS ARE THE MOST SUSPICIOUS KINDS OF PEOPLE. ESPECIALLY IF THEY LEFT THEIR VICTIM ALIVE.
BUT WHY? IT'S ALREADY BEEN SO MANY YEARS SINCE THE INCIDENT... AND IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE SOME STUPID KING AGAIN!
WORD OF ADVICE, DON'T SAY KINGS ARE STUPID IN FRONT OF A KING
MY BAD, MY BAD~
WOOSH

RADITZ!!
CAN I ASK A FINAL FAVOR OF YOU..?
AFTER I'VE DIED, I WANT THE TRIAL TO END THERE. PLEASE MAKE SURE...
KEEP THE TRUTH ABOUT MY PAST FROM MY CHILDREN.
I WANT THEM TO LIVE LIFE... WITH A CLEAN SLATE... SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE... FOR THEIR OWN HAPPI.. NES...
RADITZ! HANG ON!
RADITZ!!

RADI...

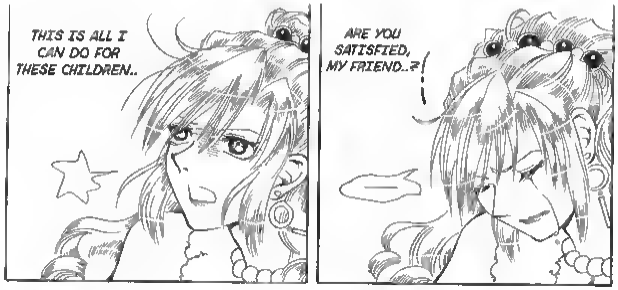
FOLLOWING HIS FINAL WISHES, I COVERED UP THE TRUTH IN REGARDS TO THAT INCIDENT.. AND IT SEEMS THAT FAILING TO FIND YOU CHILDREN HAS CAUSED THIS MESS TO OCCUR.
CRASH

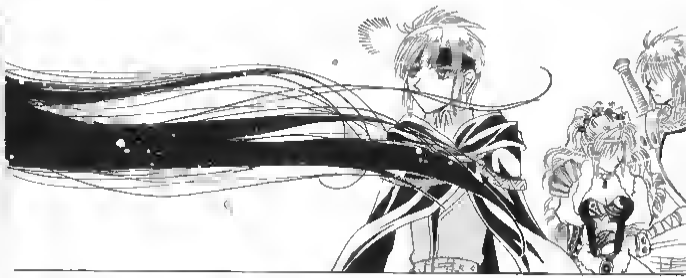
SYUUU
...PLEASE...
SISTER, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO TRICKED THE PRINCESS!
IF YOU WISH TO PUNISH US, HAVE ME KILLED...
BUT I BEG OF YOU TO LET MY BROTHERS GO...
IF I HADN'T APPROACHED THE PRINCESS, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED!
PLEASE SPARE HER..!

SO... YOU'RE ARKID? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ALLOWED FOR THE DOLL TO BE MADE?
..YES, YOUR MAJESTY
..IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB OBSERVING HER ALL THIS TIME.
SUUU---
FOR YOU CRIMES, I WILL HAND DOWN YOUR PUNISHMENT PERSONALLY!
FATHER, NO!!
BAMBI, PLEASE! LET THIS BE.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN REPENT FOR WHAT I'VE DONE.
RETURN THIS ILLUSION TO REALITY!
!
ARKID..!

MY RIGHT ARM..?!

YOUR MAJESTY..?!
GO NOW, AND NEVER SHOW YOURSELVES IN MY PRESENCE EVER AGAIN...
GO. . GO ANYWHERE WISH, YOU'RE ALL FREE NOW.

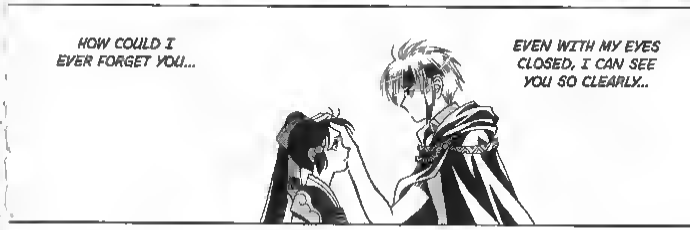

THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR THESE CHILDREN..
ARE YOU SATISFIED, MY FRIEND..?



BAMBI...

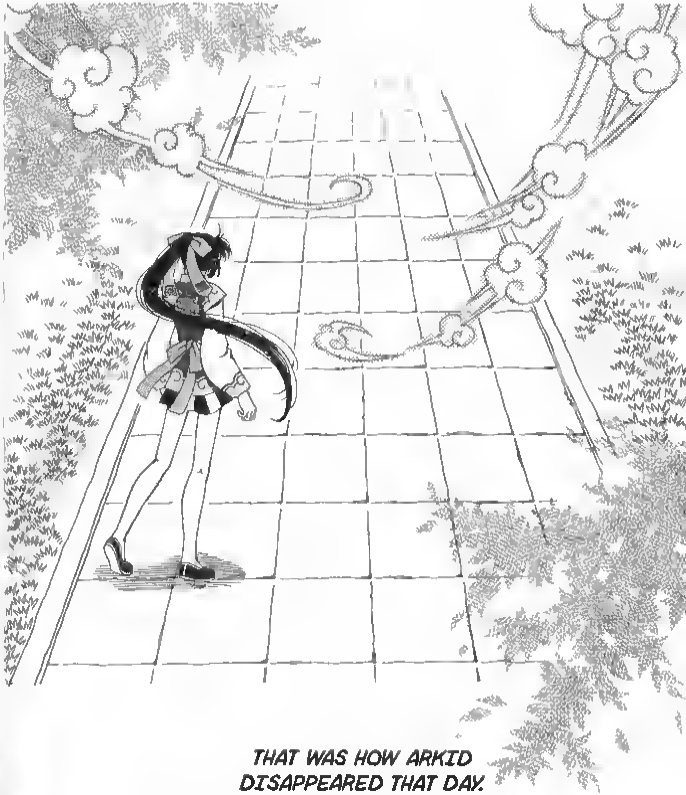
I'M SORRY...
SQUEEZE
!

..DON'T EVER FORGET THIS FEELING... THE FEELING OF THE FIRST THING YOUR RIGHT HAND TOUCHED WHEN THE CURSE WAS LIFTED..


HOW COULD I EVER FORGET YOU...
EVEN WITH MY EYES CLOSED, I CAN SEE YOU SO CLEARLY..

I KNOW YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE
EVERYTHING YOU LIKE... EVERYTHING YOU HATE...

I KNOW THINGS NO ONE ELSE WILL KNOW ABOUT YOU... THAT YOU LIKE FLOWERS YET DON'T KNOW THE NAMES OF MANY OF THEM .. THAT YOU HATE THE COLD BUT LIKE THE SNOW..
THAT YOU HATE SEWING BUT LIKE KNITTING... THAT YOU LIKE SWORDPLAY.. AND THAT YOU LIKE READING...



THAT WAS HOW ARKID DISAPPEARED THAT DAY.

FATHER.
WILL YOU STOP THAT?!
HUH?
YOU MY CUTE DAUGHTER IS ALWAYS TOO BUSY TO PLAY WITH ME!
WELL WASN'T IT YOU WHO TOLD ME I SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDIES SO THAT I COULD BECOME A GOOD QUEENLY
YEAH THAT'S WHY DADDY'S PLAYING WITH THE BAMBI DOLL INSTEAD!
TADAA
HE'S SUCH A FOOL... NO WONDER ELIZABETH USED THAT AS HIS WEAKNESS.
AFTER ELIZABETH DISAPPEARED, THE DOLL STOPPED MOVING.
IT'S KINDA CREEPY... BUT FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL SORRY FOR IT...
WELL, AS LONG AS IT KEEPS FATHER HAPPY, I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING IT AROUND
I WONDER HOW ARKIO'S DOING...
OH THAT'S RIGHT! I JUST REMEMBER THAT AN EMISSARY FROM TABADORUN RECENTLY ARRIVED
FROM WHAT HE TELLS ME, THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY RALLIED BEHIND THE OLD DETHRONED FAMILY AND HAD THEM REINSTATED AS THE RULING FAMILY ONCE AGAIN.
WAIT THEN..?!
THAT EMISSARY HASN'T LEFT YET. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD GO AND GREET HIM.

FATHER, THANK YOU!
MY, MY!
I'm telling you, she's still just a child
우당탕☆
CRASH THUMP RUSTLE

SHINE

DON'T TELL ME THAT'S..!

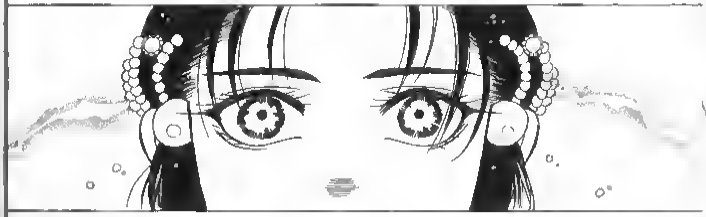
TOSS

THEY REGAINED THE THRONE? THEN ELIZABETH BECAME A QUEEN?
WHAT ABOUT ARKID? IS HE BY HER SIDE?

BUT WOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW! FATHER TELLS ELIZABETH TO GO AWAY AND SHE MANAGES TO FIND HER WAY TO HER NATIVE LAND TO BECOME A QUEEN THERE?!
She really doesn't give up! Somehow I really don't want to meet her ever again
STOP

RUSTLE
CAN IT REALLY BE..?!!

YOU KNOW, IF I HAD GOTTEN HIT BY THIS I MIGHT HAVE DIED.



TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU...

EVEN IF YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT OF YOUR WING AS A CURSE, I SAW IT AS THE WING OF AN ANGEL

BAMBI.

THAT WAS MERELY AN ILLUSION.
BUT THIS TIME AROUND I'LL NEVER LET IT SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS...
THESE WARM HANDS WHICH ARE HOLDING MINE..
ARKID...

The End / Thank You!!

BamBi

Originally I had wanted to elaborate more on Arkid's deceased brothers But due to the page limit of this book, I simply ended it with them having died a long time ago...

Also, amongst all the different versions of Swan Prince fairy tales, there's a version that has 12 Princes Had I utilized that version...

Is what readers would've said right ?

In any case, I think the story turned out rather romantic, don't you? *Gleam*

In addition had I tried to draw a series with 12 Princes I would have probably died...

Note Angelique is a dating game for girls that had 12 guys to jock

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How do you like these extra pictures of them in school uniforms?

He won't look directly at you because he thinks his left side is his best ^^

Although he has a dirty temper, he's rather quiet if you don't disturb him By the way Arkid likes to read books

Wow this suits her better than I had imagined! With the way she acts it's hard to believe she's a princess don't you agree?

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